


REMARKS

The Non-Final Office Action of July 24, 2003 has been fully considered by the Applicants. Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has stated that the Amendment filed on June 30, 2003 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. In the previous Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 13-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, stating that the specification does not reasonably provide enablement. Applicants renew their traversal of the Examiner's allegation that the claims are not enabling. Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are directed to one of ordinary skill in the art and as such would be understood by an ordinary artisan. Nevertheless, Applicants have amended the claims as apparently being suggested by Examiner on pages 4 and 5 of the original office Action. Specifically, claim 13 has been amended to specify that the first and second spacing devices are connected to the hollow cylinder. The claim has been further amended to specify that the outside of the hollow cylinder is coated and a liquid seal is formed between the top and bottom of the cylinder and hollow shaft. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims are now in a condition for allowance. As such, it is requested that all outstanding rejections and objections be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance issued.

It is believed that no fees are due in conjunction with this response. If, however, it is determined that fees are due, authorization is hereby given to deduct those fees from Deposit Account Number 24-0037.

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